
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
HIAWASSEE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 7, 2013 MEETING

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TO: MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, & INTERESTED PARTIES

The Hiawassee City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Barbara Mathis called the council to order.

The following council members were present: Mayor Barbara Mathis, Jay Chastain, Jr., Joan Crothers, Janet Allen, Pat Smith and Stephen H. Smith. Staff present included Wylene White, Clerk, Don Baker, City Engineer, Arvil Walls, Sargent, and Rick Stancil, City Manager. Guest included Reggie and Libby Shook, Towns County Herald, Julie Payne and Tony Stancil, Park Sterling Bank. A quorum of the Council was present.

Mayor Mathis called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 p.m. with Adoption of the Final Agenda.

Adoption of Final Agenda, Introduction of Guests & Mayor's Announcements.

1. The Agenda was adopted as Distributed without further action.
2. Mayor Mathis introduced the guests noted above.
3. The Mayor made several Announcements including expressing appreciation for the many people who volunteered and donated to the Cleanup Hiawassee Campaign.
4. Tony Stancil, President, and Julie Payne, Hiawassee Branch Manager, Park Sterling Bank update the Council on the positive status of the Bank and their desire to remain a vital and growing part of the community. Tony cited impressive statistics regarding deposits in Hiawassee and Young Harris.
5. Councilman Stephen Smith reported on the positive results of the First Clean Up Hiawassee Campaign which was a part of Earth Day Celebrations.

Regular Business Items.

1. Motion to adopt Minutes of the Regular April 2, 2013 Council Minutes as distributed.

Upon Motion made and seconded, the Minutes of the Regular April 2, 2013 Council Meeting was unanimously adopted.

2. Motion to adopt and approve February 2013 Financial Statements.
3. Upon Motion made and seconded, the February 2013 Financial Statements was unanimously adopted.
3. Motion to adopt the City Manger's May 2013 Written Report as distributed.

Upon Motion made and seconded, the City Manger's May 2013 Written Report was adopted as distributed.

4. Resolution to toll Annual Inflation Adjustment under the 2013 Comprehensive Rate Ordinance [June 1, 2013 Deadline].

Upon Motion made and seconded, the Resolution to toll the Annual Inflation Adjustment under the 2013 Comprehensive Rate Ordinance was unanimously adopted.

5. Resolution Designating the Hiawassee City Manager to represent the City at the 2013 Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Annual Meeting.

Upon Motion made and seconded, the Resolution Designating the Hiawassee City Manager to represent the City at the 2013 Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Annual Meeting was unanimously adopted.

6. City Manager's Reported as follows:

- a. 2013 USDA Bond Validation Report.

The Validation Hearing on 2013 USDA Bond was successfully held last Friday. The City Attorney and the Assistant District Attorney did an outstanding job and Judge Gunter signed the Validation Order. The Bond Hearing Transcript was forwarded to Bond Council the following Monday. Since that time, the Transcript has been reviewed and all necessary items provided to USDA. The City Manager received an email prior to the Council meeting from USDA that a Bond Closing and Construction Conference would be scheduled at the end of May 2013.

- b. ARC Audit (School Forcemain Project).

The Manger and the City Engineer met with representatives of the Appalachian Regional Commission to review the School Forcemain Project previously completed by the City. The ARC had provided \$300,000.00 in funding towards this project. They seem pleased with the results. The Manager and Engineer are providing additional information regarding the footage of sewer line installed and the total number of jobs created/retained as a result of the project. The ARC was

especially impressed with the Season's Doctor Complex and the Georgia Baptist Project. They additionally ask questions regarding the 2013 Water and Sewer Improvements Project which will be bid this year. ARC has committed an additional \$300,000.00 in funding towards this project.

7. City Engineer's Report.

a. USDA Project Status.

Don Baker made additional comments regarding the USDA including update on estimated construction conferences and funding.

b. 2013 Water & Sewer Project Update (Water Intake & Comprehensive Schools Water tank.

Don updated the Council regarding possible bid schedules and timing of construction. He expressed his concerns regarding the TVA reduction of Lake levels for bridge construction and effects on water production.

The Council asked several questions relating to Lake levels, water quality issues and timing of withdrawals.

8. Resolution expressing support for The Apartments Project on Mining Gap Road and supporting its Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Upon Motion made and Seconded, Resolution expressing support for The Apartments Project on Mining Gap Road and supporting its Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs was unanimously adopted.

9. Resolution authorizing Mayor to cast the City of Hiawassee Ballot for the 2013-2014 nominated slate of officers for Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) District Two.

Upon Motion made and Seconded, the Resolution authorizing Mayor to cast the City of Hiawassee Ballot for the 2013-2014 nominated slate of officers for Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) District Two was unanimously adopted.

10. 2013 Hiawassee Nuisance Ordinance.

Upon Motion made and seconded, the First Reading of the 2013 Hiawassee Nuisance Ordinance failed to receive a majority. The votes were three (3) in favor, two (2) abstentions and one (1) opposed.

There being no further business, upon Motion made and seconded, the Council adjourned.